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Workshop Will Consider Teaching Of Personal Management Services

A selected group of specialists in the teaching of personal management services in a rehabilitation center setting will meet under Foundation auspices in Chicago in March to review the needs of professional workers in this field and to lay plans for the creation of material to meet these needs.

Personal management services are those activities of a personal, self-care and home management nature that are designed to contribute to the total life adjustment of the individual. They include such activities of daily living as grooming and hygiene, as well as home-making and home-mechanics. Despite the importance of such services to the rehabilitation of a blind person, little or no written instructional material or professional preparation currently exists.

J. Albert Asenjo, AFB specialist in rehabilitation (adjustment services), has prepared a list of several hundred activities with techniques that must be taught to the blind person. Specialists at the workshop will review methods of teaching each of these activities derived from experience as the first step in the preparation of a syllabus for new workers in the field. They will also consider areas of need for improvement, means of upgrading the teaching of personal management services, and the expansion of such instruction to young blind children.

Dr. Robert A. Scott and James R. Dumpson Will Lead Administrative Institutes

Dr. Robert A. Scott, assistant professor in the Department of Sociology, Princeton University, and James R. Dumpson, dean of the School of Social Work, Fordham University, will be the leaders of the AFB administrative institutes for board members and executive directors of voluntary and governmental agencies in the West Central and Northeast regions, respectively.

Dr. Scott will lead the institute for agencies in the West Central region in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March 5-7. The subject of the institute is "Administration—an Art, a Business, a Challenge." Dr. Scott, who has been appointed an advisor to the AFB Research Department (see separate story), recently completed a three-year study of agencies for the blind for the Russell Sage Foundation.

Clayton A. Morgan, coordinator of rehabilitation counselor training at the College of Education, Oklahoma State University, will serve as an observer at the institute and, at the close of the meetings, will summarize the trends and practices that the discussions have shown need consideration for change, and programs that need deletion, addition or expansion.

The institute was planned by Howard H. Hanson, director of the South Dakota State Service to the Blind and Visually Handicapped; Harry E. Hayes, director of the Division of Services for the Blind, Kansas State Department of Social Welfare; Mrs. Lucie D. Lade, executive director of Dallas Services for Blind Children; Mrs. Geraldine Rougagnac, executive director of the Houston Lighthouse for the Blind; and AFB regional consultant Marion V. Wurster.

The Northeastern administrative institute, under Mr. Dumpson's leadership, will be held in Amherst, Massachusetts, April 19-21. Its subject is "The Changing American Scene—as it relates to health, education and welfare services for visually-handicapped persons." It will be primarily concerned with relationships between voluntary and governmental agencies. Mr. Dumpson was formerly associate dean of the Hunter College School of Social Work and commissioner of the New York City Department of Welfare.

Ryrie Koch, vocational rehabilitation regional representative for the Northeastern region, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, will speak at the institute on federal legislation at it relates to agency planning and program development.

The Northeast institute was planned by Miss Virginia Cole, director of the Division of Services for the Blind, Vermont State Department of Social Welfare; Oscar Friedensohn, director of the New York State Commission for the Blind; Joseph Pike, executive director of the Albany Association of the Blind; C. Owen Pollard, director of the Division of Eye Care and Special Service, Maine State Department of Health and Welfare; Wesley D. Sprague, executive director of the New York Association for the Blind; Mrs. Helen Worden, executive director of the Rhode Island Association for the Blind; and AFB regional consultant A. Marie Morrison.

Recipients of Migel Medal Awards



Mrs. Jayne B. Spain, president of Alvey-Ferguson Operations, Cincinnati, Ohio, was a recipient of the Migel Medal for Outstanding Service to the Blind for 1966. The medal, awarded annually to two persons, one professionally active in work for the blind and the other a lay person, was presented to Mrs. Spain by J. Kenneth Cozier, a member of the AFB board of trustees, in ceremonies held on October 27, 1966. Mr. Cozier, who is president of the Cleveland Society for the Blind and the Cozier Container Corporation, highlighted Mrs. Spain's work in the hiring of the physically handicapped, especially the blind and deaf-blind, both in this country and throughout the world. Mrs. Spain is vice-chairman of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.



Dr. Edward J. Waterhouse, right, director of the Perkins School for the Blind, was the professional recipient of the Migel Medal for 1966. J.M. Woolly, vice-president of AFB and superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Blind, made the presentation in which he paid tribute to Dr. Waterhouse's contribution to the education of the blind and deaf-blind in the United States, as well as his participation in international work for the blind as a member of the executive committee of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind and chairman of the International Conference of Educators of Blind Youth.

Expansion of Talking Book Facilities To Meet Increased Production

The facilities of the talking book division of the AFB Manufacturing and Sales Department will be expanded to meet the increased production which is expected to result from the inclusion of greater numbers of physically handicapped people in the Books for the Blind Program, as well as from the continued growth of the basic program. A new law passed by Congress provides talking book service to individuals with severe visual impairment who are not within the definition of blindness but who cannot read ordinary print. The service is also provided to individuals who are unable to handle conventional books because of severe orthopedic or neurological disabilities.

The Library of Congress officials responsible for the administration of the law, as well as officials of their two primary suppliers, AFB and the American Printing House for the Blind, all anticipate that the growth pattern within a short period of time may cause an increase of at least 50 percent in service to individuals. This will necessitate a corresponding expansion in manufacturing facilities, especially in the pressing room where the records are actually manufactured. Last year AFB produced approximately 1,000,000 individual records, and an estimated 1,500,000 is forecast for the coming year.

AFB is also conducting research with a variety of plastic materials in an effort to find a more durable, attractive and economical container for shipping talking books. The current container is made of fiberboard, the price of which is continually rising. The material used in a shipping carton must be able to withstand extreme temperatures as well as provide protection for the records. While not specifically instructed by the Library of Congress, its officials are observing this research with keen interest.

Dr. Robert A. Scott Appointed Advisor to Research Department

Dr. Robert A. Scott, assistant professor in the Department of Sociology, Princeton University, has been appointed an advisor to the AFB Research Department on continuing projects in the field of social science. Dr. Scott's appointment followed approval by the AFB trustees of the research advisory committee's recommendation to appoint three consultants as advisors in the areas of social science, physical science and statistics.

Dr. Scott recently completed a three-year evaluation study of agencies serving the blind as director of the Russell Sage Foundation project, "Social Science and Work for the Blind." He received a B.A. degree from Pennsylvania State University, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in sociology from Stanford University.

Advisors to the Research Department on physical science and statistics will be announced in the near future.

Guidelines for Employment Of Blind Personnel in Hospitals

A new booklet, *Blind Workers in Service Occupations in Hospitals: Guidelines for Selection, Training, Placement*, will be published shortly by AFB in cooperation with the American Hospital Association and the U.S. Vocational Rehabilitation Administration.

The booklet is based on the national institute on the employment of blind persons in hospital settings which AFB held last May under a contract with the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration. VRA and AFB were prompted to take advantage of the nationwide shortage of hospital personnel in order to provide greater employment opportunities for blind and partially sighted persons.

The guidelines are designed to assist hospital administrators and personnel directors and rehabilitation counselors in preparing and hiring blind people for jobs in dietary, engineering, laundry, housekeeping, and other service departments.

The booklet will be available free of charge by writing the Publications Division, AFB, 15 West 16th Street, New York, New York 10011.

Career Days for High School Students In Pennsylvania and Nebraska

Blind high school students and their parents will receive guidance on the choice and planning of future occupations at two Regional Career Days this spring. The Career Days will be held in Pennsylvania and Nebraska under the sponsorship of AFB and the Guidance Workshop of the American Association of Instructors of the Blind.

The Career Days are part of the continuing cooperative planning and sponsorship of programs by AFB and AAIB. The first two such sessions, held last year in Arkansas and Ohio, were enthusiastically received by the participants.

Blind students and parents from public and residential schools in the New England states, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Ohio are invited to attend the Career Days at the Overbrook School for the Blind, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 17-18. These sessions will be co-sponsored by the Overbrook School and the Pennsylvania State Office for the Blind.

Students and parents from North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas are invited to attend the Days at the Nebraska School for the Visually Handicapped, Nebraska City, Nebraska, March 31-April 1. These sessions will be co-sponsored by the Nebraska School and the Nebraska Services for the Visually Impaired.

Speakers and group leaders will explore the opportunities, requirements and training necessary for occupations in six major groupings: professional,

industrial, service, trade and technical, clerical, and managerial. After discussions of these broad areas, the groups will be divided into smaller sections for consideration of specific job categories. The discussions will be led by national authorities in the particular fields.

Arthur Voorhees, AFB specialist in rehabilitation (vocational services), and Robert McQuie, guidance counselor at the Missouri School for the Blind and chairman of the AAIB Guidance Workshop, will be coordinators of the Regional Career Days.

Each of the Career Days will open at 2:00 p.m. and close the following day at 10:00 p.m. Registration, lodgings and meals for this period is \$8.00 per person. Reservations for the Pennsylvania sessions should be made by February 15 by writing the Principal, Overbrook School for the Blind, 64th Street and Malverne Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19131. Applications for Nebraska should be sent to the Superintendent, Nebraska School for the Visually Handicapped, 824 10th Avenue, Nebraska City, Nebraska, 68410.

Instructors and Speakers At National Institute on Supervision



The National Institute on Supervision for Rehabilitation Teacher Supervisors was conducted by AFB, under a grant from the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration, in New York City December 4-9. W. Neal Brown, far left, associate professor, Graduate School of Social Work, Rutgers-The State University of New Jersey, and Dr. Hilda C.M. Arndt, professor and coordinator of field work, School of Social Welfare, Louisiana State University, were the institute's instructors. Dr. Douglas C. MacFarland, second from right, chief of the Division of Services to the Blind, VRA, and M. Robert Barnett, right, AFB executive director, spoke at the opening day's luncheon. Twenty-eight supervisors of rehabilitation (or home) teachers from 22 states, Puerto Rico and Canada, studied the skills, techniques and philosophy of supervision during the week-long institute.

1967 Summer Course Stipends

AFB will again make available stipends of \$200 each to qualified educators who enroll in certain courses and workshops during the summer of 1967. Applicants must be administrators, supervisors, or teachers employed full time in educational programs for blind and visually handicapped students during the 1967-68 academic year. Consideration will be given to educators attending any well-planned sequence of courses which will strengthen skills for work with visually handicapped children.

Applications for the stipends must be submitted before May 1, 1967. Application forms and further information may be obtained by writing the Personnel and Training Service, American Foundation for the Blind, 15 West 16th Street, New York, New York 10011.

Foundation Adopts Uniform Accounting Procedures

By action of the board of trustees the Foundation is currently following the Standards of Accounting and Financial Reporting for Voluntary Health and Welfare Organizations developed by the National Health Council and the National Social Welfare Assembly. The standards were designed to enable voluntary health and welfare organizations to report their income and expenditures uniformly and in terms the contributing public can understand.

The National Social Welfare Assembly has set 1968 as the target date by which leading national agencies will have adopted the uniform accounting procedures. AFB began use of the new procedures on July 1, 1966, and the standards will be followed in its financial report issued after the close of the fiscal year, June 30, 1967.

Harold G. Roberts Appointed Associate Director for Service



Harold G. Roberts

development and day-to-day supervision of a large part of the agency's activities.

Mr. Roberts, under the direction of the executive director and with the authority delegated by him and the board of trustees, will be responsible for the overall direction, supervision and coordination of the programs conducted by the departments of Information, Program Planning, and Research. He will temporarily continue

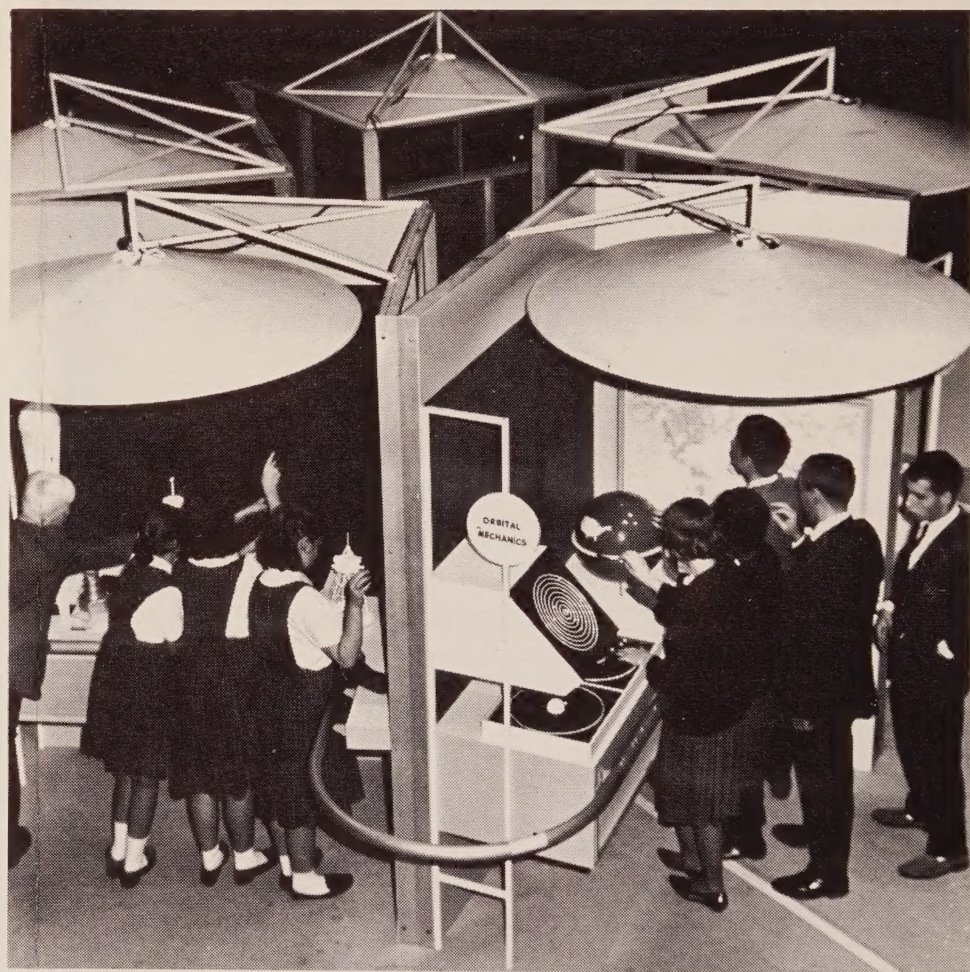
Harold G. Roberts, director of the AFB Program Planning Department for the past three years, has been appointed to the newly created position of "associate director for service." This position was authorized by the board of trustees at its meeting on October 27 to provide the executive director with assistance in the

to carry out his responsibilities as departmental director of Program Planning.

Mr. Roberts joined AFB in 1959 as director of field service and subsequently served as director of the community services division. In making the appointment, executive director M. Robert Barnett noted that Mr. Robert's experience with AFB "has provided him with a broad understanding of all other Foundation programs and policies, especially since there is a frequent requirement of close cooperation between all departments, particularly those whose programs have a direct impact upon relationships with and service to other national and local, public and voluntary agencies and schools serving blind persons."

A graduate of New York University, Mr. Roberts received a master's degree in social service administration at the University of Pittsburgh. Before joining the Foundation, he was associate director of the United Community Services of Oranges and Maplewood, New Jersey, and chief of social services in the Newark Regional Office of the Veterans Administration. He was also a part-time member of the faculty of the Graduate School of Social Work, Rutgers University.

Students Visit Space Exhibit for the Blind



Students from the Lavelle School, New York City, were among the many blind persons who visited the tactile-audible exhibit of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at the New York Association for the Blind in October. AFB and other New York-based agencies cooperated with NASA in this premiere public showing. The star-shaped exhibit, now on a nationwide tour, traces the history of aviation and the exploration of space. The students above, in the exhibit's sections on scientific satellites and orbital mechanics, examine the models as a recorded description explains the material.

Institute at Northern Illinois University Will Plan for Retarded Blind Children

"The Blind Child Who Functions on a Retarded Level" will be the subject of a three-day institute to be held at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, March 15-17. The institute is under the direction of Ramon Kuhns, coordinator in the program for education of the visually limited in the University's Department of Special Education. He has been assisted in the planning of the program and selection of speakers by Miss Pauline Moor, an AFB specialist in education.

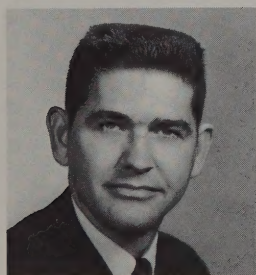
The opening day will be primarily devoted to problems within the state of Illinois, with representatives from public schools, residential schools, private and public agencies and parents groups. Although the emphasis will be on Illinois this first day, representatives from other states are invited to attend.

On the second day specialists in the field will speak on such topics as child development, research into motivation and learning, and methods and techniques of teaching the blind retarded child. The institutional child will be the primary concern on the final day.

Anyone interested in attending the institute should contact Ramon Kuhns, Department of Special Education, Northern Illinois Univ., DeKalb, Illinois 60115.

Community Services Division Opens Second Regional Office in Atlanta

The community services division of the Program Planning Department has opened a regional office in Atlanta, Georgia, to serve local and state agencies in the Southeastern area. The office, located in the Candler Building, 127 Peachtree Street N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, is the second regional office opened by the division in a decentralization of the Foundation's field service program.



Vernon Metcalf

and the Virgin Islands.

Vernon Metcalf, the newly appointed AFB regional consultant for the Southeastern area, will be permanently based in Atlanta. From Atlanta he will serve agencies, schools and centers in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Puerto Rico

Prior to joining the staff of the Foundation, Mr. Metcalf was on the staff of the Rehabilitation for the Blind Unit of the Tennessee State Department of Public Welfare, serving as a rehabilitation specialist and, most recently, providing statewide supervision to the vocational rehabilitation staff and rehabilitation teachers. A native of Tennessee, he received a bachelor of science degree from the Tennessee Technological University and a master's degree from the Graduate School of Social Work, University of Tennessee.

The community services division is the Foundation's prime link with local and state agencies. The division's regional consultants regularly visit agencies, schools and centers to assist the professional staff and to transmit both established and newly developed methods and techniques. The consultants arrange for and participate in seminars and conferences as well as aid in long-range planning for the improvement and expansion of programs. The opening of field offices will provide the staff with closer identification with developments in the regions and will make them more accessible to all agencies.

The first of such regional offices was opened in November, 1966, in San Francisco, California, to serve the West Coast area. Benjamin Wolf is the AFB regional consultant for this area.

Television Stations Aid in Campaign To Show Employment Opportunities

Television stations throughout the United States are assisting the Foundation in a campaign to show the public and potential employers the wide variety of occupations that can be successfully filled by blind persons. The stations are broadcasting three television spots produced by the AFB Information Department that portray blind persons at work in diverse jobs.

Of the 300 network-affiliated stations queried, approximately 130 stations requested prints of a 60-second spot with scenes of a blind mechanic repairing automatic transmissions, a blind stenographer taking braille shorthand and typing, and a blind teacher instructing sighted students. More than 100 stations requested copies of another 60-second spot concerning blind persons in business for themselves. A 30-second spot—which shows a blind computer programmer, a blind technician, and a blind hospital worker—was sent to 90 television stations. Independent commercial TV stations, as well as educational stations, will be offered the employment spots in the near future.

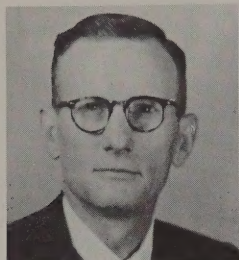
The television spots are part of the Foundation's continuing public education program conducted through radio, television, newspapers, magazines, and AFB publications.

Catalogs Are Published Of 1964-1965 Braille and Talking Books

Catalogs of braille and talking books produced in 1964-1965 are being published by AFB for the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress. Separate catalogs will be published for all adult press braille books and for all adult talking books issued during that period. A third catalog will list all juvenile books issued in braille or recorded editions.

Full descriptions of each of the books will appear in all three catalogs, with an author-title-subject index. The catalogs will be available in late winter through Regional Libraries and the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress.

J.M. Woolly Elected Vice-President At Annual Meeting of Board of Trustees



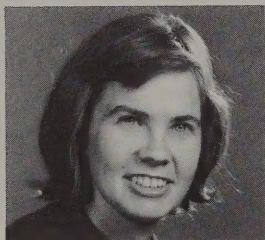
J.M. Woolly

J.M. Woolly, superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Blind, was elected vice-president of AFB at the annual meeting of the board of trustees on October 27. Re-elected officers were Eustace Seligman, chairman; Jansen Noyes, Jr., president; Richard H. Migel, secretary; and J.P. Morgan, II, treasurer.

Mr. Woolly has been a member of the AFB board of trustees since 1962. He is also a member of the board and past president of the American Association of Instructors of the Blind. He served on the Commission on Standards and Accreditation of Services to the Blind and is a member of the board of the Commission's successor organization, the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

It is an established custom of the Foundation that the presidents of the American Association of Workers for the Blind and the American Association of Instructors of the Blind be members of the AFB board. Louis H. Rives, Jr., special assistant to the Commissioner of the U.S. Vocational Rehabilitation Administration, is the newly elected AAWB president and has replaced Dr. Norman M. Yoder, the ex-president, on the board. Stewart E. Armstrong, superintendent of the Ontario School for the Blind and the new president of AAIB, has replaced ex-president Lee A. Iverson as an AFB trustee.

Personnel



GRETEL M. STUBBS has been appointed an editorial specialist in the publications division of the AFB Information Department. Mrs. Stubbs' major responsibilities within this division will be concerned with the production of monographs and pamphlets.

For the past six years, Mrs. Stubbs was employed by the Radio, Visual Education and Mass Communication Committee of the Division of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, where she was managing editor of the publication *Sight Sound*. She received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan, and she has taken additional courses in editing and publishing at Hunter College and New York University.

NEWS BRIEFS

- The *New Outlook for the Blind*, the professional journal published by AFB, has been redesigned to make the magazine more attractive and readable. Although the size of the magazine remains the same, the layout has been completely modernized beginning with the January 1967 issue. The news section of the magazine has also been expanded and a coming events column has been added.

The magazine was founded in 1907 as the *Outlook for the Blind*. The Foundation took over the magazine in 1923 and in 1942 combined it with the *Teachers Forum* under the name *Outlook for the Blind and the Teachers Forum*. It first appeared under its current title in 1951. The new format will be the tenth the magazine has known during 60 years of publication.

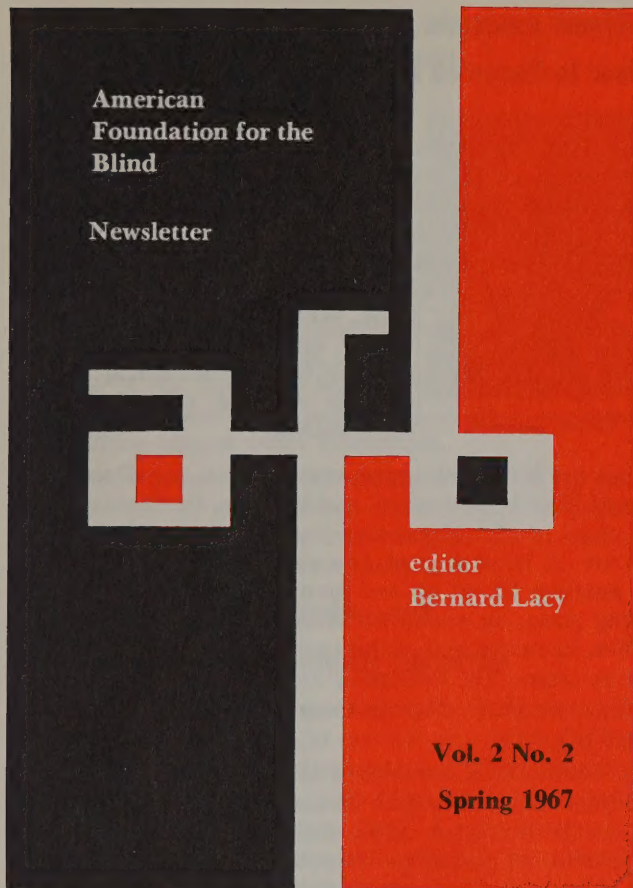
- Doris P. Sausser, director of the AFB community services division, Program Planning Department, represented the Foundation at the twenty-first annual meeting of the National Social Welfare Assembly, held in New York City, December 19-20. The sessions focused on the future role and program of the National Social Welfare Assembly, with detailed consideration of a recently completed study of the Assembly.

- Leonard M. Greene, president of the Safe Flight Instrument Corporation in White Plains, New York, has been nominated by AFB for the 1966 Employer of the Year Award sponsored by the National Association of Manufacturers and the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. As a result of the nomination, Mr. Greene has received a Merit Award from the President's Committee and the New York State Governor's Committee. Judging has not yet been completed on the national award.

Fifteen percent of the persons employed by the Safe Flight Instrument Corporation, which manufactures aircraft instruments and accessories, are handicapped, and 31 percent of new employees hired last year were handicapped persons.

- Marion V. Wurster, regional consultant for the West Central region, was the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the members and board of directors of the El Paso County Association for the Blind, Texas, on January 17. Miss Wurster spoke on "Change, Planning and Manpower Utilization."

- Miss A. Marie Morrison, AFB regional consultant, participated in the conference held by the National Social Welfare Assembly for all regional consultants of governmental and voluntary agencies who work in the Northeastern region. The conference, held in Manchester, N.H., December 7-9, 1966, explored trends in the field of social welfare.



United States Delegation to WCWB Meets at Foundation Headquarters

The members of the United States delegation to the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind, plus representatives from other organizations, met at AFB on February 17 to review current matters relating to American participation in the world body.

The method of choosing delegates to WCWB was discussed and possible revisions proposed. At present the six delegates are named by national organizations: two by the American Association of Workers for the Blind, and one each by American Association of Instructors of the Blind, the National Federation of the Blind, the American Foundation for Overseas Blind, and AFB. The AFB representative is M. Robert Barnett, executive director; he is chairman of the delegation.

Attending the meeting were the AAWB delegates Miss Marjorie Hooper, American Printing House for the Blind, and Louis H. Rives, Jr., U.S. Vocational Rehabilitation Administration; AAIB delegate Lee Iverson, Illinois State Department of Children and Family Service; NFB delegate Jacobus tenBroek; AFOB delegate Peter Salmon, Industrial Home for the Blind; WCWB president Eric T. Boulter, American Foundation for Overseas Blind; and Mr. Barnett. Also attending were Harold G. Roberts, AFB; Charles Gallozzi, Division for the Blind, Library of Congress; Reese H. Robrahn, American Council for the Blind; John Nagle, NFB; and David Schnair, BVA.

Executive Director Attends Meeting Of World Council in Yugoslavia

M. Robert Barnett, AFB executive director, is attending the executive committee meeting of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, April 17-21. Also attending from the United States are Eric T. Boulter, president of WCWB and associate director of AFB's sister organization the American Foundation for Overseas Blind; Miss Marjorie Hooper, editor, American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, Kentucky; and Peter J. Salmon, administrative vice-president, Industrial Home for the Blind, Brooklyn, New York.

The World Council for the Welfare of the Blind was founded in 1951 to work for the welfare of the blind and the prevention of blindness by providing the means of consultation between organizations of and for the blind in different countries, and by the creation of coordinating bodies for joint action towards the introduction of minimum standards for the welfare of the blind in all parts of the world and the improvement of such standards.

Member nations, which now number 45, meet in a world assembly every five years. The number of delegates to the assembly is determined by the population of the country. The U.S. delegation contains six members (see adjacent story).

The last world assembly was held in New York in 1964, at which time Mr. Barnett, Miss Hooper and Dr. Salmon were elected to the executive committee as three of the five representatives from the North and Central America region. The two other representatives are A.N. Magill, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, and Mrs. Elisa M. deStahl, Guatemalan National Committee for the Blind and Deaf.

The 31-member executive committee meets midway between the world assemblies to consider reports and make decisions at policy level. In Belgrade the executive committee will receive reports and plans of the 13 consultative and standing committees and make detailed plans for the next world assembly to be held in New Delhi, India, in 1969.

Among the committees from which reports will be submitted are the technical appliances committee, chaired by Mr. Barnett, and the committee on services to the deaf/blind, chaired by Dr. Salmon. Mr. Barnett will meet with other members of the technical appliances committee in London on April 14.

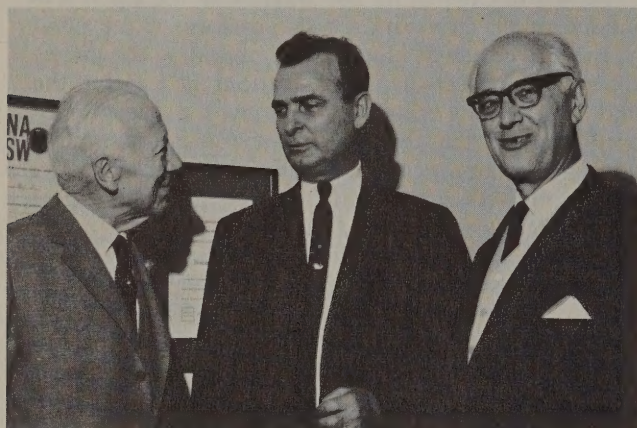
Dr. Salmon's committee will meet in Rome, where a special audience will be held with Pope Paul VI to discuss the world's deaf-blind persons.

Following the Belgrade meeting, Mr. Barnett, in his capacity as executive director of the American Foundation for Overseas Blind, will make a brief tour of schools and rehabilitation centers in Europe and the Middle East. He will visit Athens, Greece; Cairo, United Arab Republic; Beirut, Lebanon; Damascus, Syria; Ankara and Istanbul, Turkey; and Tel Aviv, Israel.

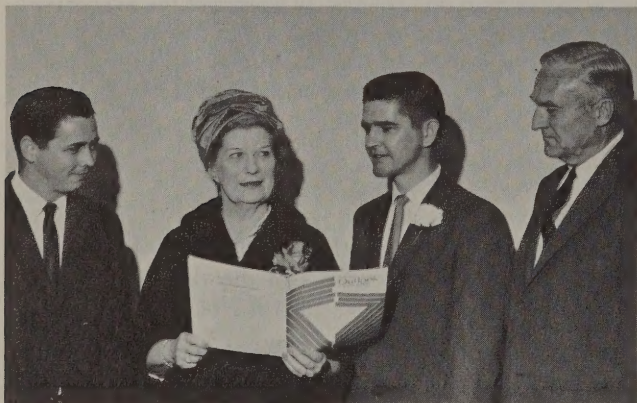
Open House at Field Offices

Members of the staffs and board of directors of local and state agencies in the West Coast and Southeast regions visited the new field offices of the AFB community services division during open house receptions held in San Francisco and Atlanta.

M. Robert Barnett, AFB executive director; Harold G. Roberts, associate director for service; and Mrs. Doris Sausser, director of the community services division, were among the AFB staff members who welcomed agency personnel to the new offices. Benjamin Wolf is the regional consultant for the West Coast area based at the San Francisco office, and Vernon Metcalf, the Southeast regional consultant at the Atlanta office.

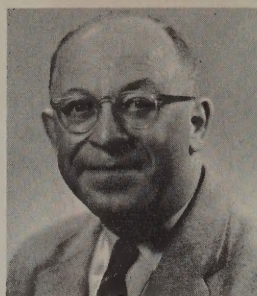


AFB trustee Garfield D. Merner, left, vice-president and general manager of William R. Warner & Co., Inc., and vice-president of Merner Lumber Company; and Dr. Berthold Lowenfeld, right, former superintendent of the California School for the Blind, discuss the establishment of the San Francisco field office with AFB executive director M. Robert Barnett at the open house held on January 20.



Among those attending the Atlanta open house on March 31 were, left to right, Ralph McCoig, executive director, Mecklenburg Association for the Blind, Charlotte, North Carolina; Mrs. Doris Sausser, AFB director of community services; Vernon Metcalf, AFB regional consultant; and Frederick G. Storey, vice-president of Community Services for the Blind in Atlanta and an AFB trustee.

Dr. Hyman Goldstein Appointed Advisor to Research Department



Dr. Hyman Goldstein

Dr. Hyman Goldstein, associate director of the Division of Research, Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, has been appointed an advisor to the AFB Research Department on continuing projects in the field of statistical sciences related to sensory deprivation.

Prior to his recent appointment with the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Dr. Goldstein was chief of the biometrics branch of the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness. In that position he set up and monitored the Model Reporting Area, an endeavor to develop more comprehensive, accurate and useful registers of blind persons kept by states. Dr. Goldstein received the bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University, New York City.

Dr. Goldstein is the second of three advisors to be appointed to the Research Department. The appointment of Dr. Robert A. Scott, assistant professor in the Department of Sociology, Princeton University, as an advisor in the field of social science was announced in the last issue of the Newsletter. A third advisor, in the field of physical science, will be appointed in the near future.

Administrative Institute in June For Agencies in West Coast Region

An institute on administrative practices for governmental and non-governmental agencies in the West Coast area will be held by AFB in San Francisco June 16-17. The institute will give board members and professional staff the opportunity for joint consideration and discussion of agency administration.

The institute is being planned by a committee which met on March 3 in the AFB San Francisco field office. The committee members are: Sargent Hearn, executive director, Palo Alto Society for the Blind; Frank Kells, executive director, Phoenix Center for the Blind; Peter Link, Los Angeles district office manager, California State Division of Rehabilitation for the Blind; Dwight Toedter, executive director, Sacramento Society for the Blind; and Benjamin Wolf, the Foundation's West Coast regional consultant.

Topics to be considered at the institute include the uniqueness and interrelationship of services provided by private and public agencies, and the roles and responsibilities of members of boards of directors and state commissions.

Further information on the administrative institute may be obtained by writing AFB, 821 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94103.

VRA and Foundation Assist Census

Of Blind Persons in Puerto Rico

A supplementary financial grant made by the AFB Research Department to the Instituto Psicologico de Puerto Rico will assist that organization in the current census of blind persons in Puerto Rico. The census was made possible by an original grant from the U.S. Vocational Rehabilitation Administration.

The census is being conducted by electric meter readers, Lions Clubs, and school teachers. Since 98 percent of the homes in Puerto Rico are electrified, the use of the meter readers provides an efficient method of reaching almost every household.

The AFB grant will aid in the exploration of the data gathered and in experimental work. This will include in-depth interviewing by psychologists and analyses of such variables as family structure.

Institute Will Study Employment

In Food Service and Lodging Industries

An increase in job opportunities for visually handicapped persons in the food service and lodging industries is the goal of an institute which AFB will conduct June 5-7 in New York City. The institute is being held under a contract from the U.S. Vocational Rehabilitation Administration and with the cooperation of the American Hotel and Motel Association and the Hilton Hotels Corporation.

Because of the working nature of the institute, attendance has been limited to a selected group of participants who have already received invitations. They include rehabilitation workers on both a supervisory and practitioner level as well as executives, personnel directors and training supervisors from the food service and lodging industries. The institute will be conducted by Arthur Voorhees, AFB specialist in rehabilitation.

On the first day of the institute the participants will observe selected service jobs being performed by employees of the New York Hilton Hotel to identify which jobs can be handled by visually handicapped persons. Varying degrees of visual perception will be considered in determining suitable jobs. The second day will be devoted to workshop sessions in which small groups will draw up guidelines for training and placement in such areas as food preparation, food dispensing, house-keeping, and laundry and valet service. The entire group will review the reports of the workshops on the third day.

It is expected that the guidelines and teaching materials for use in training rehabilitation personnel developed at the institute will be distributed at a later date. Written materials for use as in-service training tools are also planned.

The institute is similar to that held by AFB last year for the employment of blind persons in hospitals. The booklet containing guidelines developed at that institute, *Blind Workers in Service Occupations in Hospitals*, is now available free from the Publications Division, AFB, 15 West 16th Street, New York, N.Y. 1011.

New Edition of Agency Directory

The 15th edition of the *Directory of Agencies Serving Blind Persons in the United States* will be published in May. The directory, which is revised every two years, lists more than 500 public and private agencies, with addresses, executive officers, and descriptions of the services offered.

Purchasers of the *Directory* will receive regular quarterly lists of any changes during the next two years. The *Directory* is available at a price of \$4.00 from the Publications Division, AFB, 15 West 16th Street, New York, N.Y. 10011.

Team of Specialists Review

Program of El Paso Agency

An AFB team of specialists, including three staff members and an outside consultant, reviewed the programs of the El Paso County Association for the Blind in late February and early March. The program study was requested by the agency's board of directors and its executive vice president, Hampton Bowman.

The AFB review team was composed of Mrs. Doris Sausser, director of the community services division; Miss Marion Wurster, regional consultant for the West Central area; J. Albert Asenjo, specialist in rehabilitation (adjustment services), and Joseph W. Pike, executive director of the Albany Association of the Blind.

The team interviewed personnel and clients and studied the program, staffing, financing and administration. In addition to reviewing services currently being provided, it attempted to uncover the unmet needs in the community. The study report, to be submitted to the board of directors, will contain recommendations for immediate goals as well as long-range planning. The staff of AFB will be available for assistance in the implementation of these recommendations.



The AFB program review team met with Hampton Bowman, standing, executive vice-president of the El Paso County Association for the Blind, and Mrs. Adelaide Ratner, second from right, a member of the advisory board of the Texas State Commission for the Blind. Studying the program of the El Paso agency were, left to right, Joseph W. Pike, executive director of the Albany Association of the Blind, and AFB staff members J. Albert Asenjo, Miss Marion Wurster, and Mrs. Doris Sausser (far right).

AFB Assists in Study Of Montana State School

AFB has assisted in a study of the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind at the request of an advisory committee of the Montana State Board of Education. The study was made in January prior to action by the state legislature on a proposed building program.

Bill L. Underwood, AFB specialist in education, and Dr. Everett Wilcox, superintendent of the California School for the Blind, constituted the team studying the programs for blind students at the state school located in Great Falls, Montana. Dr. Robert E. Stepp, University of Nebraska, and Dr. John Gough, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, studied the programs for deaf students.

The study considered the proposed expansion in reference to long-range planning goals of both residential and public schools in Montana. A report was submitted to the advisory committee in February.

Personnel



MISS ZOFJA S. JASTRZEMSKA has been appointed the assistant director of the International Research Information Service of the AFB Research Department. Miss Jastrzemska will work with the director on all aspects of the IRIS program.

A native of Poland, Miss Jastrzemska has been a resident of France, the United Kingdom, and Canada. She attended the University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, and Sir George Williams University, Montreal, Canada, from which she received a B.A. degree. She was awarded an M.A. degree in psychology by the New School for Social Research in New York.

MRS. FRANCOISE A. PASCUAL has been appointed director of the bureau of direct aid in the community services division of the Program Planning Department. She will be chiefly responsible for the Foundation's national information and referral service.



A native of France, Mrs. Pascual completed her under-graduate studies at the Sorbonne in Paris and the University of Lausanne in Switzerland. After receiving a professional diploma in nursing, she earned the Diplome d'Etat d'Assistante Sociale, the equivalent of a master's degree in social work, at the Ecole Pratique de Service Social in Paris.

Mrs. Pascual held responsible social work positions

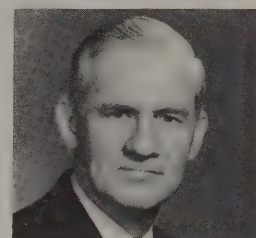
with UNRRA and IRO in Europe after World War II and for two years was in charge of the documentation division of the U.S. Information Service in the American Embassy in Paris. In the United States she served for four years as assistant borough community coordinator for the New York City Youth Board, and, for the last two years, as assistant director of the Services to State Leagues Unit, National League for Nursing.



SAMUEL MOPSIK has been appointed a regional consultant in the community services division of the AFB Program Planning Department. Mr. Mopsik will work with state and local agencies in Region 2, the Middle Atlantic area including Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

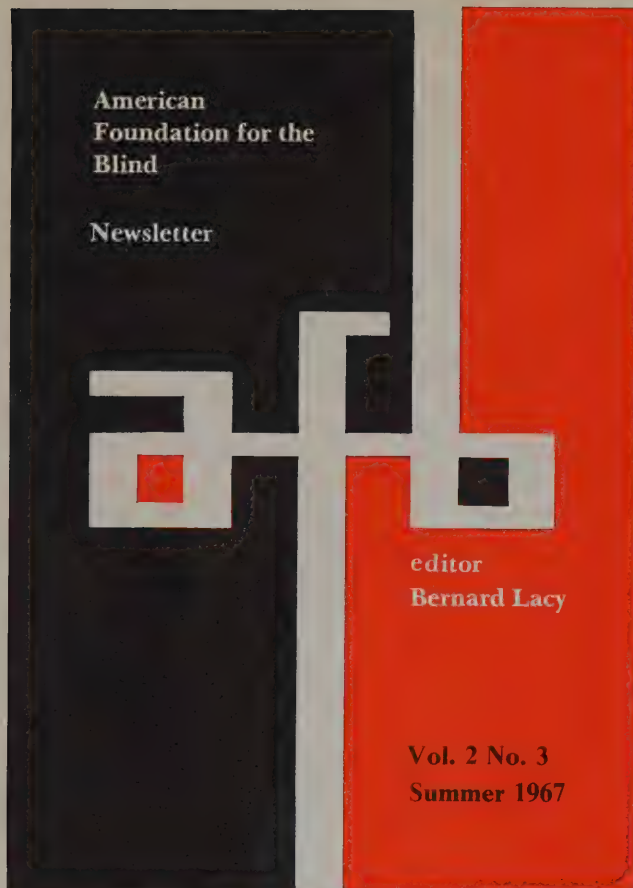
Mr. Mopsik came to the Foundation from the National Travelers Aid Association, where he served as director of the Agricultural Migrant Project, a pioneering demonstration program which brought social services directly to agricultural migrants on the farms where they lived and worked in southern New Jersey. He has also worked with Children's Home Society of New Jersey, and Jewish Family Service agencies in Connecticut and Massachusetts. A graduate of the University of Connecticut, he received a master's degree in social work from the University of Buffalo.

JOHN F. LIKELY has been appointed director of the AFB Business and Office Management Department. Mr. Likely a member of the staff since 1946, has most recently served as manager of that department's building and office services division. In his new position he directs activities in that division as well as in accounting services, personnel, and data processing.



BRUNO BIANCO, director of the Business and Office Management Department of AFB, died on January 29 after a brief illness. Mr. Bianco had been a member of the Foundation's staff since February 1952.

Born in Taunton, Massachusetts, he lived in Norwood, New Jersey. He was a veteran of World War II and a graduate of Pace College, New York. Mr. Bianco is survived by his wife, his mother, a sister, two daughters and two sons.



AFB President and Staff Member Are Recipients of AAWB Awards

Two of the three major awards made by the American Association of Workers for the Blind were presented to the Foundation's president and to an AFB specialist in rehabilitation at the AAWB's annual convention in Miami, July 9-14.

Jansen Noyes, Jr., president of AFB since 1958, was the recipient of the Ambrose M. Shotwell Distinguished Service Award. Arthur Voorhees, specialist in rehabilitation, vocational services, was given the John H. McAulay Award. The third major honor, the Alfred Allen Award, was presented to Mrs. Jenny Beck, executive secretary of Volunteers Service for the Blind, Philadelphia.

The Shotwell Award is made to "those whose leadership and service have exerted influence on a national or international scale." The award consists of a leather-bound citation and a 14-karat gold medal, which were presented to Mr. Noyes by Miss Mary Switzer, commissioner of the U.S. Vocational Rehabilitation Administration, at a banquet July 11.

Mr. Noyes, a partner in the brokerage firm of Hornblower & Weeks - Hemphill, Noyes, has devoted a major part of his time during the past two decades to the improvement of services to blind people. He joined the board of trustees of AFB in 1946 and was elected president in 1958. He is also president of the American Foundation for Overseas Blind, chairman of National Industries for the Blind, and a trustee of the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness. President Eisenhower appointed him a private citizen member of the Committee on Purchases of Blind-made Products.

To express their appreciation of the leadership he has given AFB, the Foundation's professional staff presented Mr. Noyes a scroll at the awards banquet. The scroll was given to him by the AFB executive director M. Robert Barnett on behalf of the employees.

The McAulay and Allen Awards were made at a luncheon July 12. Dr. Norman M. Yoder, commissioner of the Office for the Blind of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, presented the plaque that goes to the recipient of the McAulay Award to Mr. Voorhees. This award is given "in recognition of outstanding service in the placement of blind persons in competitive industry."

Mr. Voorhees, who was born blind, was a successful, independent business man when he decided to enter the field of rehabilitation. He joined the New Jersey State Commission for the Blind in 1939, and later worked for the Colorado Industries for the Blind. In 1944 he joined the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, today the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration, where he organized and conducted a variety of courses to train personnel for rehabilitation work. In 1957 he became a member of the AFB staff. Since that time he has pioneered many projects in the placement of blind persons, including the establishment of the first college level program to train rehabilitation personnel to develop employment opportunities for blind persons.

AFB Participates in Congressional Review Of Legislation Affecting Blind Persons

AFB, through its legislative analyst Irvin P. Schloss, has advocated the passage of two new bills before Congress. A statement was filed with the House Committee on Ways and Means supporting H.R. 5710, the Social Security Amendments of 1967, which provides for increased Social Security cash benefits, coverage of disability insurance beneficiaries for medicare, extension of Public Welfare Amendments of 1962, and improvements in maternal and child health and crippled children's programs.

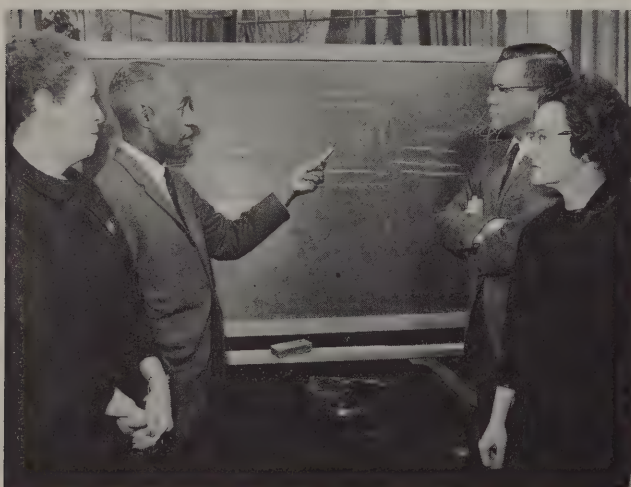
Mr. Schloss testified in support of H.R. 7192, a bill which would make it possible for talking books and other reading matter, educational aids, and specially designed or adapted devices for use by blind or physically handicapped persons to be mailed free of postage subject to size and weight limitations prescribed by the Postmaster General. The House Committee on Post Office and Civil Services is expected to include provisions of H.R. 7192 in a major bill revising postal rates.

Another important bill is pending before the House Committee on Education and Labor. H.R. 8981, the Vocational Rehabilitation Amendments of 1967, will increase appropriations for vocational rehabilitation services, and provide for establishment of a National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults. AFB plans to present testimony favoring the passage of this bill.

Administrative Institutes Are Held In Northeastern and West Central Regions



Twenty-nine executive directors and board members from governmental and non-governmental agencies in seven states attended the AFB administrative institute for agencies in the West Central region in Oklahoma City March 5-7. The Institute's leader Dr. Robert A. Scott, standing, assistant professor in the Department of Sociology at Princeton University and advisor to the AFB Research Department, addresses the participants. Harry E. Hayes, director of the Division of Services for the Blind, Kansas State Department of Social Welfare, and an active participant in the institute, sits next to Dr. Scott.



Seven states in the Northeastern area were represented by the 32 persons attending the institute in Amherst, Massachusetts, April 19-21. James R. Dumpson, second from left, dean of the Fordham University of Social Work and the institute's leader, consults above with Miss Eleanor Smith, far left, assistant regional consultant of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in Boston; C. Owen Pollard, director of the Division of Eye Care and Special Services, Maine State Department of Health and Welfare; and Miss A. Marie Morrison, the AFB regional consultant in the Northeastern area.

New AFB Publications

Three pamphlets, two of which are printed in large type, and two bibliographies have been published by AFB recently. Three new monographs will be available in August.

In addition, a new edition of the AFB *Catalog of Publications, Films, Radio, and Posters* was issued in early July. This up-to-date listing of all existing AFB publications is available free of charge.

The large-type pamphlets are revisions of *Income Tax Exemptions for Blind Persons* and *Financial Aid to the Blind*. They are printed in 18-point type on an 8 1/2" x 11" format and are available free in quantities up to 200. (Prices for larger quantities upon request.)

How Well Are They Paid? is a new pamphlet containing an analysis and interpretation of the data collected in the survey of salaries in work for the blind conducted by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and sponsored by the U.S. Vocational Rehabilitation Administration and the Foundation. It is designed to assist boards and executive officers in determining salary scales. It is free in quantities up to 200.

The bibliographies, both provisional, are *Adjustment to Blindness and Severe Visual Impairment* by Dr. Robert A. Scott, and *Electrical Stimulation of the Skin* by Dr. Robert H. Gibson. They were prepared for AFB's International Research Information Service, and are priced at \$1.00 each.

The three monographs to be published in August are all part of the AFB Research Series. They are, in order of expected appearance:

The Blind Child with Concomitant Disabilities by James M. Wolf, Ed.D., a survey of services provided by residential schools to children with multiple handicaps. Price, \$1.

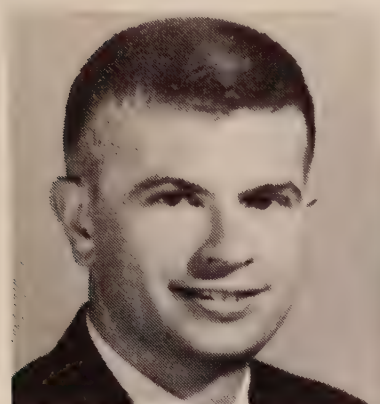
Dogmatism and Visual Loss by Phyllis N. Hallenbeck, Ph.D., a study of how open-minded and dogmatic attitudes affect rehabilitation following loss of vision. Price, \$1.50.

Ability Structure and Loss of Vision by Jyrki Juurmaa, Ph.D., a study showing how such ability traits as reasoning, verbal comprehension, and dexterity are affected by loss of vision. Dr. Juurmaa is associated with the Institute of Occupational Health, Helsinki, Finland. Price, \$2.

A number of other publications are in various stages of production and will be published in the fall and winter. In addition, a regular schedule of *Research Bulletins*, published by IRIS, is being established. The *Bulletins* are available to interested persons at a price of \$1.50 for single copies or \$6 for a year's subscription (including four quarterly *Bulletins*).

The catalog and all publications may be ordered from the Publications Division, AFB, 15 West 16th Street, New York, N.Y. 10011. The three monographs may be ordered in advance and will be shipped on publication.

Dr. James C. Bliss Becomes Advisor to Research Department



Dr. James C. Bliss

Dr. James C. Bliss, head of the Bioinformation Systems Group of the Control Systems Laboratory, of Stanford Research Institute, has agreed to serve as an advisor to the AFB Research Department on continuing projects in the field of physical science.

Dr. Bliss received a B.S. degree from Northwestern University, an M.S. degree from Stanford University, and a Ph.D. degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, all in electrical engineering. At M.I.T. he worked in the Sensory Aids Research Group, and his doctoral thesis concerned "Communication via the Kinesthetic and Tactile Senses."

At the Stanford Research Institute he is project leader of studies on tactual perception, arthropod vision, and human tracking characteristics, and is project supervisor on the development of an electronic mobility aid for the blind.

Dr. Bliss is the third advisor to be appointed to the Research Department. Previously announced were the appointments of Dr. Robert A. Scott, assistant professor in the Department of Sociology, Princeton University, as an advisor in the field of social science, and Dr. Hyman Goldstein, associate director of the Division of Research, Children's Bureau, U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, as advisor in the field of statistical sciences.

December Conference Will Take New Look at Field of Blindness

A conference scheduled for early December will take an entirely new look at the field of services to the visually handicapped. It will be based on a systems analysis of the field to be made by an independent research organization.

The conference is being sponsored by the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness and is being planned by a subcommittee of the Institute. Leslie L. Clark, director of the International Research Information Service in the AFB Research Department, is a member of the subcommittee, which is chaired by Rev. Thomas J. Carroll, executive director of The Catholic Guild for All the Blind in Massachusetts.

Systems analysis is a method, developed and refined in recent years, which attempts to solve a problem, understand a process, or obtain an objective by looking at it as a whole and dealing with the interplay between parts as well as with the parts themselves. After completing a systems analysis, a researcher can conclude that if a certain action is taken, then one of a number of resulting actions will, with a degree of probability, occur. This method is best known for its use by re-

search organizations—or "think tanks" as they are popularly called—such as the Rand Corporation, which has used it in problems of national defense as well as in other fields.

The subcommittee has chosen such a research organization as a contractee to do a systems analysis of the field of the visually handicapped. The contractee is the Organization for Social and Technical Innovation, Inc., (OSTI) of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Its president, Dr. Donald A. Schon, will be the principal investigator. OSTI will prepare a core paper for the conference on the systems analysis, and will select and arrange for approximately five to six coordinating papers on selected sub-systems. Some 30 researchers from major federal and funding agencies will be invited to the conference as participants and observers to consider the papers and results.

The National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness is supporting this research to aid it in planning future policy and programs and to assist local public and private agencies in determining needs and alternatives for social and technical innovations.

Handicapped American of the Year Aids Public Education Campaign



Art Edgerton, who was named the Handicapped American of the Year by the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, is assisting AFB in its continuing campaign to improve knowledge and attitudes concerning blindness and blind persons. Mr. Edgerton recorded radio announcements for the Foundation while in Washington to receive the President's Trophy on April 27. An accomplished musician as well as a television news reporter in Toledo, Ohio, Mr. Edgerton discussed the need for increased vocational opportunities for blind men and women in the spot announcements. They will be part of a public service transcription to be distributed to radio stations later in the year.

Dr. Peter J. Salmon Honored At Testimonial Dinner



Dr. Peter J. Salmon

Dr. Peter J. Salmon, administrative vice-president of the Industrial Home for the Blind and a member of the board of trustees of AFB, was honored at a testimonial dinner held in New York City June 1. The dinner celebrated Dr. Salmon's 50 years of service with IHB.

Dr. Salmon joined IHB in 1917 as business manager and was appointed executive director in 1945. He assumed his present position in 1966. An AFB trustee since 1949, he is also secretary of the American Foundation for Overseas Blind, a member of the corporation of the Perkins School for the Blind, a lifetime honorary trustee of National Industries for the Blind, and chairman of the U.S. Labor Department's Advisory Council on Sheltered Workshops.

Many tributes were paid Dr. Salmon at the dinner, at which it was announced that NIB has established a Peter J. Salmon Award to be made annually to an outstanding blind person employed in a workshop.

Research Department Grants Support New and Continuing Projects

A grant made by the AFB Research Department to Dr. Arthur Parmalee, Jr., of the Department of Pediatrics, UCLA Medical School, will support developmental work of Dr. Parmalee's ongoing study of a pair of twins, one blind and one sighted. Dr. Parmalee has studied the twins since their birth five years ago. The AFB grant will aid him in the addition of a sound track to the silent film already made to show results of his research.

A grant has also been made to a joint cooperative project of Bionic Instruments, Inc., Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, and the American Institute for Research, Washington, D. C., to prepare a proposal for a study of tactile communication under conditions of extreme sensorymotor impairment.

Conference Will Consider Problems of Aged Blind

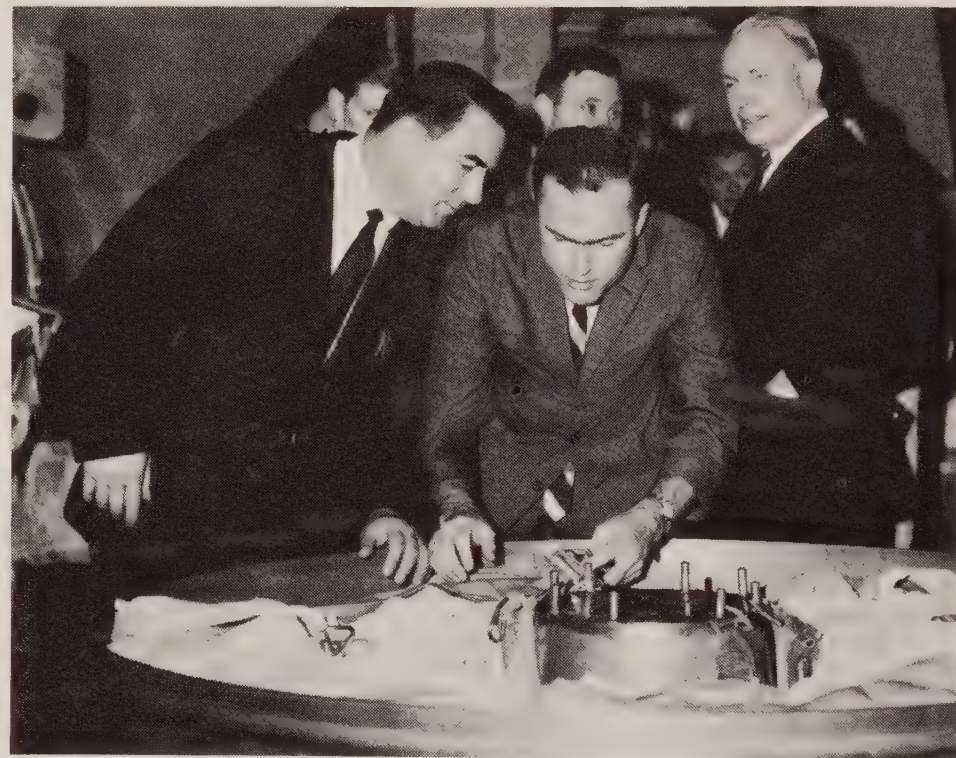
A conference to be held in Washington, D. C., in September will consider problems of the aged blind, who constitute 60 percent of the general blind population. The conference will be sponsored by the Foundation with support from the Administration on Aging, a branch of the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Approximately 30 specialists in general geriatrics as well as in the aged blind will be invited to meet at the Mayflower Hotel, September 8-9. They will attempt not only to identify the problems of the aged blind but also to pinpoint the research and services needed.

Dr. Eric Josephson, research director, maternal and child health, Columbia University School of Public Health and Administrative Medicine, will chair the conference. Papers will be presented by Dr. Jeanne Gilbert, director of psychological services, Mt. Carmel Guild for the Blind, Newark, N. J.; Dr. Hyman Goldstein, associate director of the Division of Research, Children's Bureau, U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Dr. Douglas C. MacFarland, chief of the Division of Services to the Blind, U. S. Vocational Rehabilitation Administration; and Dr. Robert A. Scott, assistant professor in the Department of Sociology, Princeton University. The papers will be included in the proceedings of the conference, to be published by the Foundation under the editorship of Leslie L. Clark, director of the International Research Information Service.

Robert L. Robinson, AFB research associate, is coordinator of the conference, and Dr. Milton D. Graham, director of the AFB Research Department, is acting as principal investigator.

Job Opportunities Are Explored In Food Service and Lodging Industry



Participants at the national institute conducted in June by AFB on the employment of visually handicapped persons in service occupations in the food service and lodging industry observed service jobs being performed throughout the New York Hilton Hotel to pinpoint the possibilities for training and employment. Above, left to right, Louis Viecele, Southern Illinois University; George F. Arsnow, Massachusetts Commission for the Blind; Jesse Stornelli (standing behind Mr. Arsnow), New York State Commission for the Blind; and Floyd Cargill, Illinois Services for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, observe work being performed in the laundry room. Guidelines and teaching materials developed at the institute will be distributed in the near future. The institute was sponsored by AFB, the American Hotel and Motel Association, the Hilton Hotels Corporation, and the U.S. Vocational Rehabilitation Administration.

AIDS AND APPLIANCES

The development and distribution of special aids and appliances has for many years been one of the most important functions of the American Foundation for the Blind. These aids may be items designed and manufactured exclusively for use by blind persons, standard items adapted for the visually handicapped, or commercial products produced for the sighted that are especially practical for use by the blind. Aids and appliances are developed or adapted in the engineering and manufacturing division of the Manufacturing and Sales Department and are distributed through that department's sales division.

History and Development

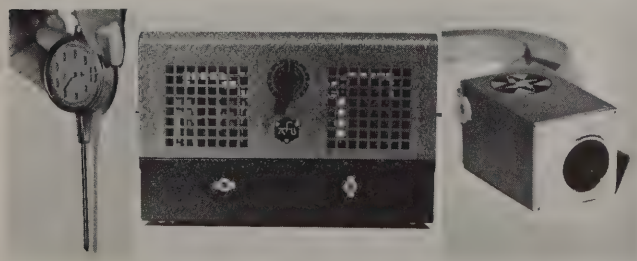
In 1924, shortly after the founding of AFB, the Foundation's director, Robert B. Irwin, recommended that "there should be established a mechanical experimental department for the improvement and elaboration of mechanical appliances for the blind." For the following decade the emphasis in this area was placed on braille printing machines and braille writers and then on the development of the talking book and the talking book machine.

In the 1930's AFB began to distribute braille watches and to act as an agent for special appliances from the National Institute for the Blind in London. Gradually more and varied aids were developed at the Foundation, and in the mid-forties special departments were created for research and development and for sales and distribution. The latter, known for many years as Special Services, is today the sales division. A column describing new aids and appliances began in *Outlook for the Blind* in May 1946 and subsequently appeared in the *Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the Blind*. The column continues to appear in the latter, as "Useful Services, Tools and Aids," to inform blind readers of developments in this field.

Many important new aids have been developed in the engineering and manufacturing division. An example is the Tellatouch, a typewriter-like machine which enables a sighted person to communicate with a deaf-blind person. The division constantly strives to improve the aids and appliances, and this year the Tellatouch was re-engineered to produce a more durable machine. Some recent items developed in the division include the audible compass for use by blind scouts, an electronic level, and an adapted torque wrench.

New Edition of Catalog

Today approximately 300 items are listed in the catalog of aids and appliances. The 1967-1968 edition



Aids and appliances distributed by the Foundation include, left to right, a clinical thermometer with raised markings, a variable frequency power supply, and an audible directional compass.

of the catalog, just issued, contains such varied products as an electric frying pan with tactual temperature indications, a variable frequency power supply for speeding up playback of disc and tape recordings, the game of Scrabble with braille markings, and embossed maps.

Newly added to the catalog this year are: an improved model of the auditory circuit analyzer for radio and electronics work; an improved, simplified embossed slide rule; a tic-tac-toe game with a recessed board and three-dimensional x's and o's; and *Beetle*, a tactual children's game.

All of the items in the catalog may be ordered directly from the Foundation. Copies of the catalog in print and in braille are available by writing the Sales Division, AFB, 15 West 16th Street, New York, N.Y. 10011.

Single Fare Travel Concession

In the late 1920's the Foundation helped to persuade Congress to amend the Interstate Commerce Act to make it possible for railroads to carry a blind person and a sighted companion for one fare. Today most railroads and bus lines offer this travel concession.

AFB administers this program through the sales division. Necessary identification cards good for five years and coupon books valid for one year are issued to blind persons at a nominal cost of \$1.00. During 1966 the sales division issued more than 20,000 identification cards and coupon books. Application forms and a booklet explaining the travel concessions are also available from the sales division at the above address.

New Sales Division Director

Gerald W. Wynters has recently been appointed manager of the sales division of the Manufacturing and Sales Department. In this position, he will manage the sale of aids and appliances as well as the travel concession program.

Mr. Wynters received the B.A. and M.S. degrees from Long Island University. Prior to joining the Foundation, he was an advertising coordinator for Freed Publications. He has also served as associate general manager of the Professional Detail Service, Inc.

Mr. Wynters replaced Arthur S. Keller as manager of the sales division. Mr. Keller, a long-time employee of AFB, has left the staff to take a position with the *Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the Blind*.



Gerald W. Wynters

News Briefs

- Several members of the AFB staff participated in the annual convention of the American Association of Workers for the Blind in Miami, July 9-14. M. Robert Barnett, AFB executive director, was chairman of the general session on "A Realistic Look at Needs for Specialized Personnel During the Next Ten Years and How These Needs May Be Filled." Harold G. Roberts, director of the AFB Program Planning Department, was a discussant at this session. Irvin P. Schloss, the AFB legislative analyst, is chairman of the AAWB legislative committee and presented that committee's report. The Foundation's Information Department exhibited some of the latest developments in aids and appliances at the convention, as well as publications recently issued.

- New articles on blindness and on braille have been written by Foundation staff members for the 1968 edition of the *Americana Encyclopedia*. Miss Jo Anne Murphy, information specialist prepared the general article on blindness, with the cooperation of the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness and the American Foundation for Overseas Blind. The article includes material on the causes and incidence of blindness, preventive steps being taken throughout the world, and programs of education, rehabilitation, and vocational training in the United States and abroad. Carl Rodgers, specialist in education for braille and tactual aids, wrote the article on the development of braille symbols and the use of braille.

The Foundation is also assisting in the revision of articles for the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, the *American People's Encyclopedia*, and the *Funk and Wagnall's Standard Reference Encyclopedia*.

- Individual subscriptions are available to the recorded version of *Look* magazine, which the Foundation is producing in cooperation with the Library of Congress. A year's subscription of 26 issues is \$32.50. Subscriptions may be obtained by writing the Director, Manufacturing and Sales Department, AFB, 15 West 16th Street, New York, N.Y. 10011.

- The needs of the congenitally impaired child and new approaches to his early childhood development and education were discussed by leading experts at a child development symposium at the New York Association for the Blind on May 11. The symposium was sponsored by the New York Association, AFB, the Industrial Home for the Blind, the Jewish Guild for the Blind, the New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, and the National Foundation.

- An *AFB Legislation Series Bulletin* was recently sent to everyone who received the *Newsletter*. The *Bulletin* contains descriptions and the memberships of the Senate and House Committees of the 90th Congress which process legislation of particular interest to work for the blind.

Personnel



WILLIAM FELDMAN has been appointed director of the personnel and training service in the program development division of the Program Planning Department. This service maintains a clearing house of current vacancies and availability of personnel for professional and administrative positions in local programs. The director also conducts recruitment and training programs and administers the granting of stipends for short-term advanced study. Mr. Feldman replaces Huesten Collingwood, who has joined the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving The Blind and Visually Handicapped.

Mr. Feldman comes to the Foundation from the Travelers Aid Association of America, where he served as director of special services. He received an LL.B. degree from the School of Law, Rutgers University; he also attended the New York School of Social Work.

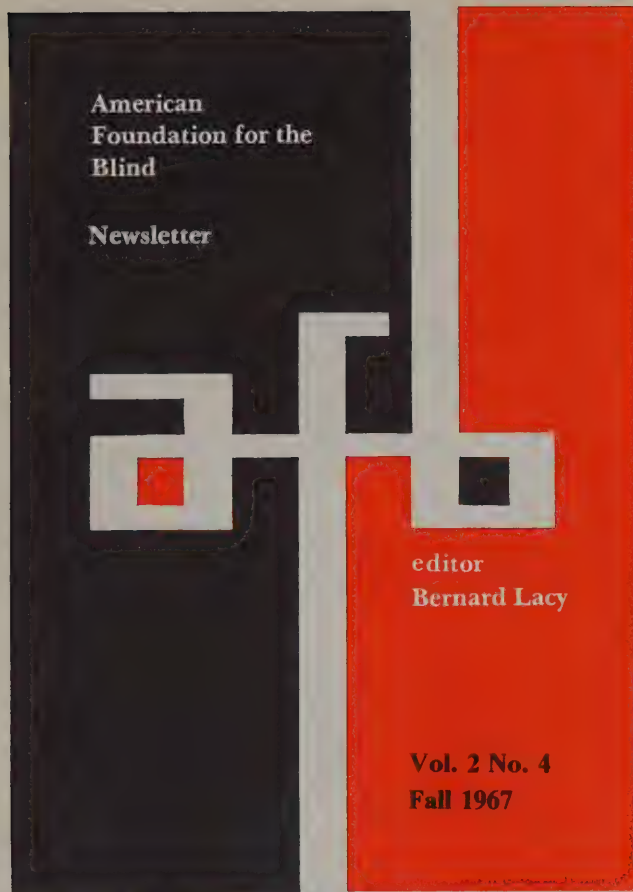
MISS MARY ELLEN MULHOLLAND has joined AFB as an editorial specialist in the publications division of the Information Department. Miss Mulholland will work on periodicals and publications issued by AFB; her primary responsibilities will be concerned



with the *New Outlook for the Blind*. Mrs. Patricia S. Smith, director of the publications division, is managing editor of the *New Outlook*.

Miss Mulholland has been a publicity associate with the Dell Publishing Company and the editor of a monthly bulletin of a national technical society. She received an A.B. degree from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Eliza Parada de Migel, wife of the AFB founder and former chairman of the board M.C. Migel, and mother of trustee and secretary Richard H. Migel, died on May 17. The executive committee of the board of trustees unanimously adopted a resolution of sympathy and expression of profound loss on June 7. The executive committee stated that Mrs. Migel was "for many years an individual whose assistance to the American Foundation for the Blind was of inestimable value in her own right. The members of the board of trustees and the personnel of the Foundation came to recognize her as a devoted and selfless friend whose advice as well as personal energy helped greatly in meeting a variety of needs throughout several decades."



Second Workshop on Teaching Of Personal Management Services

A selected group of specialists in the teaching of personal management services in a rehabilitation center will meet in early spring at the second Foundation workshop to develop instructional material in this field. Results of the first such workshop, held in Chicago in April, will be published by AFB next spring.

Personal management services are those activities of a personal, self-care and home management nature that are designed to contribute to the total life adjustment of the individual. They include such activities of daily living as grooming and hygiene, as well as home-making and home-mechanics. Despite the importance of such services to the rehabilitation of a blind person, little or no written instructional material or professional preparation previously existed.

Several hundred such activities exist with special techniques that must be taught to the blind person. At the first workshop specialists reviewed methods derived from experience of teaching many of these activities as the first step in the development of a syllabus for new workers in the field. A similar procedure will be followed at the second workshop.

Participation in the workshop is by invitation only. Anyone wishing to attend should write to J. Albert Asenjo, AFB specialist in rehabilitation (adjustment services) and the workshop's coordinator, at AFB, 15 West 16th Street, New York, N.Y. 10011.

Migel Medal Awards Are Made To Byron M. Smith and Eustace Seligman

Byron M. Smith, former executive director of the Minneapolis Society for the Blind, and Eustace Seligman, a senior partner in the law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell, were awarded the Migel Medal for Outstanding Service to the Blind for 1967. The medal, first presented in 1937, is named in honor of M.C. Migel, the Foundation's first president.

The medal is awarded annually to two persons, one professionally active in work for the blind and the other a lay person. The presentation was made on October 26 during Foundation Day, a yearly occasion which also includes the annual meetings of the board of trustees and AFB members.

Mr. Smith, this year's professional recipient, has been active almost three decades in work for the blind on both a local and national level. He joined the Minneapolis Society for the Blind as executive director in 1940 and for 26 years guided its growth and development. Mr. Smith retired last year, but continues to serve the Society as director of special projects.

He has been a member of the executive committee and board of directors of the National Association of Sheltered Workshops and Homebound Programs; a member of the executive committee of National Industries for the Blind; and a member of the board of directors of the American Association of Workers for the Blind and the National Rehabilitation Association. He is a trustee of AFB.

Eustace Seligman, this year's lay recipient, first became active in work for the visually impaired in 1933, when he was elected to the board of directors of the American Braille Press. When in 1946 the program of that organization was expanded and its name changed to the American Foundation for Overseas Blind, Mr. Seligman was elected secretary, a post he held until his election as vice-president in 1956. He was elected chairman of the board in 1958.

Mr. Seligman's work with the American Foundation for Overseas Blind led to increasing interest and participation in the work of its sister agency, AFB, and in 1950 he joined the AFB board of trustees. He was elected secretary in 1952 and was named chairman of the board in 1959, filling the post left vacant by the death of M.C. Migel. He continues to serve as chairman of both agencies.

Mr. Seligman is also active in many other areas of public service. He is honorary chairman of the Foreign Policy Association, a director and past president of the Legal Aid Society, and a director of the National Fund for Medical Education and the National Committee on United States-China Relations.

Traditionally members of the board of trustees present the Migel Medal Awards. The presentations this year were made by trustees Peter J. Salmon, administrative vice-president of the Industrial Home for the Blind, to Mr. Smith, and Jansen Noyes, Jr., AFB president, to Mr. Seligman. Richard H. Migel, the Foundation's secretary and son of M.C. Migel, presided.

Citations Presented to Four Schools



Citations were given by AFB to four schools for visually handicapped children which have cooperated in the Regional Career Days program with the Foundation and the American Association of Instructors of the Blind. Accepting the citations from M. Robert Barnett, AFB executive director, second from right, were, left to right, R. Paul Thompson, executive director of AAIB, on behalf of the Ohio State School for the Blind and the Nebraska School for the Visually Handicapped; David W. Olson, principal, Overbrook School for the Blind, Philadelphia; and J.M. Woolly, superintendent, Arkansas School for the Blind. The presentations were made in Cohasset, Massachusetts, on August 22, at a banquet given by AFB and the American Foundation for Overseas Blind for delegates attending the International Conference of Educators of Blind Youth.

Conference on Psychological Tests And Measurements Planned for Spring

An invited group of experts currently active in the field of psychological tests and measurements will meet at an AFB conference in New York in April. The conference will consider the suitability of tests designed for sighted people when used with visually impaired persons and the validity of tests developed specifically for the visually impaired.

"The ultimate criterion of a test is the ability to predict performance from the results," Dr. Milton D. Graham, director of the AFB Research Department, said. "We hope to discover if there are suitable tests to measure the intelligence, mobility readiness, braille learning aptitude, and vocational aptitude of the blind and visually impaired."

The conference will open on April 11 with a background paper on psychometrics presented by Dr. Robert J. Teare of Human Science Research, Inc., Washington D.C. Papers and discussions on the first day will relate to the testing of adults. Among those presenting papers are Dr. Benjamin W. White, formerly of Lincoln Laboratories, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and now with San Francisco State College, on the evaluation of performance; and Drs. May Husni-Palacios,

Ball State College, and John R. Palacios, Marion, Indiana, Veterans Hospital, on the prediction of vocational aptitudes.

The second day will be concerned mainly with children and will begin with a paper by Dr. Carl J. Davis, the Perkins School for the Blind, on intelligence testing. Papers will also be presented by Dr. Anna S. Elonen, University of Michigan, on the evaluation of blind pseudo-retarded children, and Dr. Jerome Cohen, Northwestern University Medical School, on the use of the electroencephalogram in the psychological testing of the visually impaired child (see also story page 5). Other participants in the conference include Dr. T. Ernest Newland, University of Illinois, and Dr. Martin Dishart, University of Maryland.

Dr. Herbert E. Rusalem, of the Industrial Home for the Blind, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Teachers College, will serve as chairman of the conference, which is being coordinated by Miss Zofja S. Jastrzemska, assistant director of the AFB International Research Information Service.

Administrative Institutes for Southeast And Middle Atlantic Regions

Institutes on administrative practices for agencies serving the blind will be held by the Foundation this spring in the Southeast and Middle Atlantic regions. These institutes are designed to give board presidents and executive directors of voluntary and governmental agencies the opportunity to consider such vital areas of agency administration as program planning, personnel practices, public relations, development of goals, and board-staff relationships.

The planning committee for the Southeast region met October 23 at the AFB Atlanta regional office. The committee members are William V. Bridges, director of the Division for the Blind, Louisiana State Department of Public Welfare; Dr. Fred L. Crawford, executive director, South Carolina Commission for the Blind; R.W. Edwards, executive director, Community Services for the Blind, Atlanta; Gordon Haygood, assistant regional representative, U.S. Rehabilitation Services Administration, Atlanta; Ralph J. McCoig, executive secretary, Mecklenburg Association for the Blind, Charlotte; Franklin Parks, executive director, New Orleans Family Service Society; and Vernon Metcalf, AFB regional consultant.

The committee planning the Middle Atlantic institute met at AFB headquarters on October 20. The committee members are William T. Copping, director of the Virginia Commission for the Visually Handicapped; Cleo B. Dolan, executive director, the Cleveland Society of the Blind; Stephen A. Gambaro, chief, Division of Services to the Visually Impaired, District of Columbia Department of Vocational Rehabilitation; Mrs. Marcella C. Goldberg, director of welfare services, Pittsburgh branch of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind; David W. Olson, Jr., principal, Overbrook School for the Blind, Philadelphia; and Samuel Mopsik, AFB regional consultant.

Community Services Division Plans Field Offices in Chicago and Denver

Two new field offices in Chicago and Denver will be opened in the near future by the AFB community services division to serve the Midwest and West Central regions. The division last year opened offices in San Francisco and Atlanta to serve the West Coast and Southeast regions in a decentralization of the Foundation's field service program.

The community services division is the Foundation's prime link with local and state agencies. The division's regional consultants regularly visit agencies, schools and centers to assist the professional staff and to transmit both established and newly developed methods and techniques. The opening of field offices provides the staff with closer identification with developments in the regions and makes them more accessible to all agencies.

The Chicago office will serve Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin. The Denver office will serve Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wyoming. The Northeast and Middle Atlantic regions will continue to be served out of the AFB New York office.

The community services division is currently recruiting for regional consultants to head the Chicago and Denver offices. Interested applicants should write the Director of Community Services, AFB, 15 West 16th Street, New York, N.Y. 10011.

Workshop Held in Vermont On Visually Handicapped Child

A two-day workshop on the visually handicapped child at home and school was held in Montpelier, Vermont, September 22-23. The workshop was sponsored by the Foundation in cooperation with the Division of Services for the Blind, Vermont State Department of Social Welfare, and the Division of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services, Vermont State Department of Education.

The first day of the workshop was devoted to the child at school and was attended by teachers, guidance counselors, social workers, and administrators working with visually handicapped children. Miss Lorraine Murin, supervisor of itinerant teachers for the Westport, Connecticut, Board of Cooperative Services, was the workshop leader.

The topic of the morning session, chaired by Miss Jean Garvin, director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services, was "Considering the Visually Handicapped Child for School." "Three Case Studies: Vermont Children Who Are Visually Handicapped" was the subject of the afternoon session, chaired by Mrs. Helen Thieme, education consultant, Division of Services for the Blind. Group discussions were led by Miss Murin, Bill L. Underwood, AFB education special-

ist, and Miss A. Marie Morrison, AFB Northeast regional consultant.

The second day of the workshop considered the child at home and was attended by parents of visually handicapped children. The workshop leader was Miss Eunice L. Kenyon, executive director of the Boston Center for Blind Children, and the chairman was Miss Virginia Cole, director of the Division of Services for the Blind. Topics considered at this session included "Understanding Your Visually Handicapped Child" and "Vermont's Resources for the Visually Handicapped."

AFB Staff Participation at Conference Of National Rehabilitation Association

Several members of the AFB professional staff participated in the annual conference of the National Rehabilitation Association in Cleveland, October 2-4.

J. Albert Asenjo, AFB specialist in rehabilitation (adjustment services), was chairman of a panel discussion on "New Rehabilitation Action for the Blind." Arthur L. Voorhees, AFB specialist in rehabilitation (vocational services), was a member of this panel.

Leslie L. Clark, director of the AFB International Research Information Service, was a discussant of the paper presented by Dr. Robert A. Scott on the problems an agency creates for its clients. Dr. Scott is assistant professor in the Department of Sociology at Princeton University and an advisor to the Foundation's Research Department.

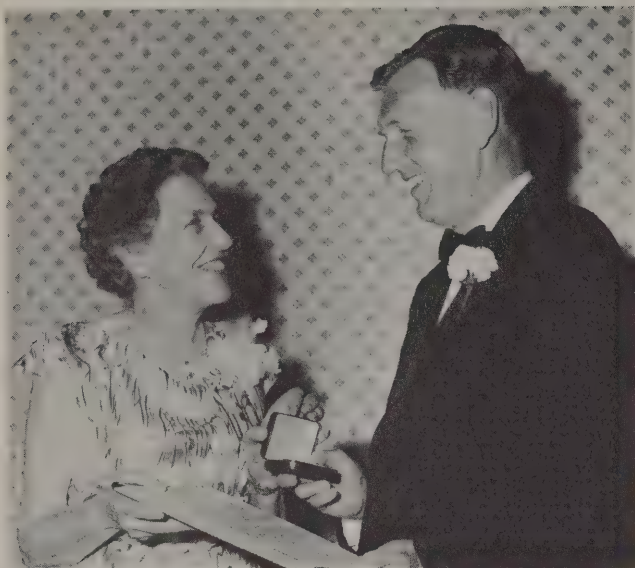
The Foundation also exhibited the latest developments in aids and appliances at the conference.

James Joyce Classic Recorded on Talking Books



Ulysses by James Joyce, one of the classic novels of the twentieth century, has recently been recorded by AFB for the Library of Congress talking book program. Alexander Scourby, above, a well-known stage, radio, and television personality and one of the most popular talking book readers, recorded the novel in the Foundation's studios. Other recent talking books made by AFB include the latest edition of The Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care by Dr. Benjamin Spock and the number one fiction best seller The Chosen by Chaim Potok.

AAWB Awards Presented To AFB President and Staff Member



Jansen Noyes, Jr., president of AFB, received the Ambrose M. Shotwell Distinguished Service Award at the annual convention of the American Association of Workers for the Blind in Miami in July. Miss Mary Switzer, administrator of the U.S. Social and Rehabilitation Services, presented the award to Mr. Noyes at the convention banquet on July 11. The Shotwell Award is made to "those whose leadership and service have exerted influence on a national and international scale."



Arthur L. Voorhees, AFB specialist in rehabilitation (vocational services), was the recipient of the John H. McAulay Award. The plaque was presented to Mr. Voorhees at a July 12 luncheon during the AAWB convention. This award is given "in recognition of outstanding service in the placement of blind persons in competitive industry."

New Uniform Pricing Structure For The New Outlook for the Blind

A new uniform subscription rate, effective January 1968, has been set for all editions of *The New Outlook for the Blind*, the professional journal published by the Foundation. The new price of \$6.00 per year applies to the print, braille, and recorded editions.

In announcing the new price M. Robert Barnett, editor-in-chief, said "The last price increase of the *Outlook* occurred in the early 1950's and reflects utter disregard for current production costs. As a result, we have suffered deficits which in the opinion of our trustees are excessively high. We have also unwittingly discriminated against the sighted readers by establishing the price of the print edition at a level closer to production cost than applies for either the braille or recorded edition."

In addition to the \$6.00 per year price, a two-year single subscription is available at \$11.00, and a three-year single subscription at \$16.00. A ten percent discount is given for bulk subscriptions of 10 or more. The bulk rate applies to one, two, and three year subscriptions and permits a mixing of print, braille, and recorded editions; however, a single mailing address must be utilized.

Mr. Barnett also announced that the recorded edition will be designed to play back at 8-1/3 revolutions per minute, effective with the January 1968 issue.

Regional Career Days in Utah Assist Blind High School Students

Blind high school students and their parents received guidance on the choice and planning of future occupations at Regional Career Days held at the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind in Ogden, Utah, October 6-7. The Career Days were sponsored by AFB and the Guidance Workshop of the American Association of Instructors of the Blind, in cooperation with the Utah school.

Regional Career Days are part of the continuing cooperative planning and sponsorship of programs by AFB and AAIB. Such sessions have previously been held in Arkansas, Ohio, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania.

Blind students and parents from public and residential schools in Utah, Nevada, Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, and New Mexico were invited to attend the meetings in Ogden. Speakers and group leaders explored the opportunities, requirements and training necessary for occupations in such categories as professional, industrial, service, trade and technical, clerical, and managerial. Small discussion groups, led by national authorities, considered specific job categories.

Arthur L. Voorhees, AFB specialist in rehabilitation (vocational services), and Robert McQuie, guidance counselor at the Missouri School for the Blind and chairman of the AAIB Guidance Workshop, are coordinators of the Regional Career Days.

Team of Specialists Review Program Of Miami Lighthouse for the Blind

An AFB team of specialists reviewed the entire program of services of the Miami Lighthouse for the Blind (Florida Association of Workers for the Blind) in August. The program study was requested by the Miami Lighthouse, the Dade County United Fund, and the Miami Welfare Planning Council.

The review team was composed of Mrs. Doris Sausser, director of the AFB community services division; J. Albert Asenjo, AFB specialist in rehabilitation (adjustment services); Vernon Metcalf, AFB regional consultant for the Southeast area; and Eugene D. Morgret, former associate director of National Industries for the Blind.

The team interviewed personnel and clients and studied the program, staffing, financing, and administration in order to assess current services and to develop guidelines for updating and expansion. A formal report is now being prepared for submission to the board of the Miami Lighthouse.

Rehabilitation Teachers in Ohio Will Receive Short-Term Training

A short-term training course for rehabilitation teachers and others teaching personal management services in the state of Ohio will be given December 4-8 in Columbus. The course is being given by AFB in cooperation with the Ohio State Bureau of Services for the Blind.

The course will cover three basic areas: personal management services, orientation and mobility, and the development of case records.

J. Albert Asenjo, AFB specialist in rehabilitation (adjustment services), is coordinator of the course. Training in the development of case records will be given by Mrs. Doris Sausser, director of the AFB community services division. Gerald Mundy, supervisor of rehabilitation instruction at the New York Association for the Blind, will head the section on orientation and mobility instruction.

Programs Established for Training Teachers of Deaf-Blind Children

A new program for the training of teachers of deaf-blind children has been instituted at the George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville. Similar programs are being organized at San Francisco State College and Michigan State University. AFB is providing consultative guidance to each of the programs.

The Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind is cooperating with the George Peabody College in the new project and will serve as a practicum for the teachers being trained at Peabody. AFB has made a financial grant to support the establishment of the project.

Miss Annette Dinsmore, AFB specialist in the deaf-blind, has met with administrators of the three schools to assist in the development of the programs.

Russian Research Study of Testing By Electroencephalogram Being Translated

An authoritative study made in Russia of electroencephalograms of the blind and visually impaired, including comparisons with the effects of hearing loss and brain damage, has been received by the AFB Research Department. The Foundation is having the work, by Dr. L.A. Novikova of the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic Academy of Science, translated for publication in the near future.

Dr. Novikova's study is the result of eight years of research and is based on a far greater number of cases than are usually available in this field. Dr. Milton D. Graham, director of the AFB Research Department, and Leslie L. Clark, director of the AFB International Research Information Service, discussed the research with Dr. Novikova during their visits to the Soviet Union in 1964 and 1966. As a result of these conferences, Dr. Novikova sent her findings to the Foundation upon their publication in Russia.

Institute on Services to Blind Persons Scheduled for Honolulu in November

The Hawaii Institute on Services to Blind Persons will be held in Honolulu November 10-12 by the Hawaii Lions Eye Foundation in cooperation with AFB and the Hawaii State Department of Social Services. The Institute, which was initiated by Shizuo Onishi, chairman of the Hawaii Lions Eye Foundation, will bring together workers in all aspects of services to the blind throughout the multi-island state and the Pan-Pacific area.

M. Robert Barnett, AFB executive director, will be the keynote speaker at the opening banquet on the evening of November 10. The November 11 sessions will open with an epidemiological review of blindness in Hawaii and the Pacific area, followed by a seminar on rehabilitation. Aspects of rehabilitation will be discussed by Dr. Douglas C. MacFarland, chief of the Services to the Blind of the U.S. Rehabilitation Services Administration; Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison, administrator of the Hawaii State Rehabilitation Services Branch for the Blind and Visually Handicapped; and J. Albert Asenjo, AFB specialist in rehabilitation.

The third session will be devoted to the education of the visually handicapped. This session will be led by Finis Davis, executive vice-president of the American Printing House for the Blind and former president of Lions International, and Fusao Uchiyama, administrator of Special Schools, Hawaii State Department of Education.

On November 9, prior to the opening of the institute, AFB will hold a one-day in-service training program for the professional staff of the Rehabilitation Services Branch for the Blind and Visually Handicapped. The training will be conducted by Dr. MacFarland; Mr. Asenjo; Mrs. Doris Sausser, director of the AFB community services division; and Benjamin Wolf, AFB West Coast regional consultant.

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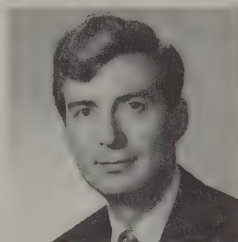
MISS MARION V. WURSTER, an AFB regional consultant for the past five years, has been appointed director of the program development division in the Program Planning Department. In this capacity she will direct and coordinate the activities of the

Foundation's specialists in educational, rehabilitation, and social welfare programs for visually handicapped and deaf-blind children and adults.

Miss Wurster joined the community services division of the AFB Program Planning Department in 1962 as regional consultant to the Northeast area. She has most recently served as consultant to the West Central region. She was previously coordinator of special programs for handicapped children and adults for the Illinois Department of Mental Hygiene and a member of the faculty of the Graduate School of Social Work, University of Iowa. She received an undergraduate degree from Syracuse University and a master's degree in social work from Northwestern University.

Miss Wurster succeeds Mrs. Ferne K. Root. Mrs. Root has resigned from the Foundation to direct an educational program for multiply-handicapped children under the auspices of the Association for the Help of Retarded Children.

JAMES T. COURTNEY has been appointed an information specialist for press relations in the AFB Information Department. Mr. Courtney has taught social studies in a New York City public high school for the past two years, prior to which he was a public relations associate for the Chase Manhattan Bank. He has also served as an administrative assistant to Congressman James C. Corman in the House of Representatives.



A graduate of the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., Mr. Courtney also studied at the University of Florence in Italy. He was a member of the U.S. Army, serving abroad for almost three years in a military security agency.



MISS DOROTHY DEMBY has joined the AFB staff as a specialist in social welfare in the program development division. Miss Demby has most recently served as a field representative for the National Commission for Social Work Careers. Prior to this she was

the director of social welfare for the United States Peace Corps in Senegal, West Africa, where she also lectured at the School of Social Work in Dakar. Earlier

Miss Demby was employed as the director of training for the Bergen County Council, Girl Scouts, U.S.A., and a borough community coordinator for the New York City Youth Board.

Miss Demby received a bachelor's degree from Howard University in Washington, D.C., and a master's degree in social work from Columbia University, New York City, where she majored in community organization.

Registers of Deaf-Blind Adults And Children for 1966-1967

The annual statistical reports of deaf-blind adults and of deaf-blind children have been compiled by the Foundation for 1966-1967.

The register of adults contains a breakdown by state and age groups, as well as a separation of visually impaired persons who are deaf (unable to understand connected discourse through the ear even with amplification) and those who are severely hard of hearing (able to understand connected discourse through the ear, with or without amplification, despite a severe auditory defect). The compilation was made by Miss Annette Dinsmore, AFB specialist in services to the deaf-blind.

The 1966-1967 register shows a total of 4,228 adults with visual and hearing impairments. Of these, 1,383 are deaf and 2,354 severely hard of hearing. (Insufficient information was available on the remaining 491.)

The report on children contains the numbers, distribution by age and state, educational placement, and evaluations of children under 20 years of age with impaired vision and hearing. The report was compiled by Mrs. Elizabeth M. Wagner, the AFB specialist in services for deaf-blind children.

A total of 533 deaf-blind children were reported as of July 1, 1967, compared to 457 children the previous year. Thirty-one who reached the age of 20 were taken off the list while 107 were added. Almost all of the latter are infants, whose visual and hearing impairments are primarily caused by the disease rubella in mothers during the early stages of pregnancy. It is believed that the number of "rubella babies" is actually much larger, but some states have not reported their statistics to the Foundation.

The annual compilation, the only national register of deaf-blind children, is based on reports submitted by departments of education, health and welfare, state and local agencies for the blind, schools for the blind, and schools for the deaf. Because the Foundation must depend on reports voluntarily submitted to it, it realizes that the register does not cover every child with impaired vision and hearing. However, it is as complete as possible and each year AFB endeavors to secure the cooperation of all groups concerned so that accurate statistics will be available for long-range planning.

Copies of the reports are available free of charge from Services for the Deaf-Blind, AFB, 15 West 16th Street, New York, N.Y. 10011. Reprints of Mrs. Wagner's article on rubella, which originally appeared in *The New Outlook for the Blind*, may be obtained from the same address.

In-Service Training Provided To Staff of Johns Hopkins Hospital

In-service training on the psychosocial and personal aspects of blindness was given to ophthalmologists, psychiatrists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, nurses and other paramedical staff of the Johns Hopkins Hospital October 20-21. The training was provided by J. Albert Asenjo, AFB specialist in rehabilitation (adjustment services).

The training program was designed to give the staff a true awareness of the problems of blind persons, especially an emotional awareness, so that they will better understand the needs of patients for whom they are unable either to prevent blindness or to restore sight.

New AFB Publications

Blindness and Diabetes: Helping the Blind Diabetic Gain Independence

This revision of an earlier, smaller pamphlet provides guidance for the diabetic whose vision has been impaired by the disease. It contains information on the administering of insulin with the Tru-Set syringe, which insures correct dosage, as well as on independent mobility, optical aids, sources of help, reading material, and other available services.

The booklet, printed in 20-point type, is the latest in the new series of AFB publications set in large type. Previous publications in this series were *Travel Concessions for Blind Persons*, *Income Tax Exemptions for Blind Persons*, and *Financial Assistance to the Blind*.

Blindness and Diabetes is available free in quantities up to 200. Prices for larger quantities are available upon request.

Visually Handicapped Workers in Service Occupations in the Food Service and Lodging Industry

These guidelines for the training and hiring of visually handicapped workers in the food service and lodging industry are based on the national institute held in June by AFB under a contract with the U.S. Vocational Administration (recently reorganized as the Rehabilitation Services Administration) and with the cooperation of the American Hotel and Motel Association and the Hilton Hotels Corporation.

Designed both for the rehabilitation counselor and for the hotel or restaurant employer, the guide details procedures for the selection, training, and placement of the visually handicapped in service occupations. The booklet is available free of charge in quantities up to 200. Prices for larger quantities are available upon request.

851 Blinded Veterans — A Success Story

This is an analysis and interpretation of the study of 851 blinded veterans conducted by AFB and the Veterans Administration with the technical assistance of the

Blinded Veterans Association. For this study the blinded veterans—a group who have received extensive training, equipment and financial support—were given a four- to six-hour medical, psychosocial examination in 11 VA clinics.

A similar study conducted by the VA in 1952 was primarily concerned with the needs of the group and the types of assistance required. *851 Blinded Veterans — A Success Story* analyzes the results of such assistance on the veterans' vocational, family and social life.

Dr. Milton D. Graham, director of the AFB Research Department, was the project director of the study, and Robert L. Robinson, AFB Research associate, was the research director. Price \$4.25.

Ability Structure and Loss of Vision by Jyrki Juurmaa, Ph.D.

The most recent monograph in the AFB Research Series, this study shows how such ability traits as reasoning, verbal comprehension, and dexterity are affected by loss of vision. Dr. Juurmaa is associated with the Institute of Occupational Health, Helsinki, Finland.

Postponed from an earlier publication date, the monograph is now available at a price of \$2.00.

All of the above publications are available from the Publications Division, AFB, 15 West 16th Street, New York, N.Y. 10011.

West Coast Administrative Institute



Julian G. Stone, director of the AFB Program Support Department, standing, was a featured speaker at the institute on administrative practices for governmental and non-governmental agencies in the West Coast area held in San Francisco in June. Also participating in the institute were, left to right, Dwight Toedter, executive director, Sacramento Society for the Blind; Mrs. Doris Sausser, director of the AFB community services division; Sargent Hearn, executive director, Phoenix Center for the Blind; and Benjamin Wolf, AFB regional consultant.

NEWS BRIEFS

- Harold G. Roberts, AFB associate director for service, was elected to the board of directors of the American Association of Workers for the Blind at the annual convention in July. Mr. Roberts is also serving on the AAWB Committee on Regionalization.

- The organization of Administrators of Agencies Serving the Visually Impaired in Georgia was formed, with Foundation assistance, at a meeting in the AFB Atlanta regional office on August 15. R.W. Edwards, executive director of Community Services for the Blind, Atlanta, was named moderator, and Mrs. Mary W. Marsh, executive director of the Foundation for Visually Handicapped Children, Atlanta, secretary of the new group, which will meet once every three months. The next meeting on November 14 will consider the needs of the aged and preschool blind in Georgia.

- The state of Mississippi is using AFB personnel as consultants in the statewide planning of services for visually handicapped persons. J. Albert Asenjo and Arthur L. Voorhees, AFB specialists in rehabilitation, will be the first two Foundation staff members to offer guidance to a planning committee chaired by Dr. James Mann, associate professor of special education at the University of Mississippi.

- Miss A. Marie Morrison, AFB Northeast regional consultant, participated in the September 28-29 meeting in Concord, New Hampshire, of the New England Executives of Voluntary Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped. The association, which was organized with the assistance of the Foundation, met to consider "Accreditation and Better Methods of Service Reporting."

- Miss Pauline Moor, AFB specialist in education (preschool services), participated in the summer programs for teachers of visually handicapped children at the George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tennessee; Portland State College, Portland, Oregon; San Francisco State College, San Francisco, California; and Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. Miss Moor spoke to the teachers on current services for the young visually handicapped child and recent research in child development which affects services to visually handicapped children.

- Bill L. Underwood, AFB specialist in education, has been appointed to the Council for Exceptional Children's interagency advisory committee. Irvin P. Schloss, AFB legislative analyst, is also a member of this committee. Mr. Underwood has also been appointed the AFB representative on the National Council of Agencies Serving Children and Youth. He is a member of the Council's executive committee, now planning the 1970 White House Conference on Children and Youth.

- Miss A. Marie Morrison, AFB regional consultant, spoke on September 12 to residents of Rockland County, N.Y., interested in forming a countywide agency to serve the blind and visually handicapped. The meet-

ing was called by a planning committee of industrial, civic, professional, and religious leaders of the community which was formed to determine the long-range goals and immediate needs of the county's 600 blind and visually handicapped.

- Samuel Mopsik, AFB regional consultant, was the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Ohio Association for the Welfare of the Blind in Toledo, Ohio, on October 25. Mr. Mopsik spoke on "National Trends in Services for the Visually Impaired" at the meeting, which was held in conjunction with the Ohio Welfare Conference.

- An additional grant has been made by the AFB Research Department to the Instituto Psicologico de Puerto Rico for experimental studies with data obtained in a census of blind persons. The census was made possible by an original grant from the U.S. Vocational Rehabilitation Administration and was conducted by electric meter readers, Lions Clubs, and teachers.

- The National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness conference on the field of services to the visually handicapped, will be held at the Essex House, New York City, December 13-15. This conference, discussed in the last issue of the *Newsletter*, is based on a systems analysis of the field by the Organization of Social and Technical Innovation, Inc. Leslie L. Clark director of the AFB International Research Information Service, is a member of the planning committee, which is chaired by the Rev. Thomas J. Carroll, executive director of The Catholic Guild for All the Blind in Massachusetts.

- Irvin P. Schloss, AFB legislative analyst, was elected national president of the Blinded Veterans Association at the Association's annual convention in Hartford, Connecticut, in August. A former executive director of BVA, Mr. Schloss had previously held the offices of national treasurer, secretary, and vice president.

- Harold G. Roberts, AFB associate director for service, is acting as summarizer at a professional conference held by the Lighthouse of Onondaga County (Syracuse Association of Workers for the Blind) November 1 in Syracuse, New York. The conference is bringing together workers throughout the Syracuse area to consider the roles of the specialized and the general community agency in serving visually impaired persons.

Miss A. Marie Morrison, AFB regional consultant, was a member of the conference's planning committee, which was chaired by Dr. H. Kenneth Fitzgerald, assistant professor at the University of Syracuse School of Social Work and a former member of the AFB staff.

Co-sponsors of the conference are the New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, the Syracuse Community Health Information and Planning Service, the Central New York Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, the Central New York Chapter of the National Rehabilitation Association, the University of Syracuse School of Social Work, and the United Community Chest and Council of Onondaga County.

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